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1. L. Ryabinin, Soviet chief of the Administration of Soviet Oil Companies in Austria (formerly Soviet Oil Administration), is said no longer to enjoy the confidence of Moscow and, consequently, will be shortly relieved on the grounds of maladministration. His successor, Lieutenant Colonel Yegorov, former chief of the Oil Staff in Zistersdorf, will soon return from Moscow to assume his new duties.
2. Data on refinery production and export of refined products is so closely guarded by the Soviets that this information is not compiled in the Kantgasse offices of ASOCA, but is controlled directly by a Lieutenant Colonel Koranevsky, whose office is in the Central Komendatura. All oil exports to the east go via Ladendorf railroad station, near Mistelbach, on the Austrian-Czechoslovak frontier. All employees of this station are said to be Soviet citizens.

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the Muehlberg-Pardubice pipe line, started by the Germans during the war, is not yet completed. Although the stretch from Pardubice to the Austrian border is finished, about four kilometers of pipe line on the Austrian side of the border are lacking. The pipe line has an average diameter of 6".

4. The Soviets now owe Tiefbohrunternehmen Richard K. Van Sickle about 1,000,000 schillings in back payments for oil delivered. The last payment of 200,000 schillings occurred on 6 April 1948, and, despite repeated representations to the Soviets, no further payments have been made. It is said in oil circles that the ASOCA is behind in many of its payments, because of an acute money shortage.

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